

## **CHAPTER 105**

### **RAIL TRANSPORTATION**

#### **A. GENERAL**

1. Standards. Standards for rail service shall comply with the Military Rail Agreement (MRA) on file at MTMC. The rail agreement is available at the following Internet address: <http://www.mtmc.army.mil>, then select Transportation Services and Travel Services or by contacting HQ MTMC, ATTN: HQ MTMC, ATTN:MTTPP-AS, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria VA., 22332-5000. In overseas areas, theater commanders shall establish standards IAW host country agreements and conventions.

2. Authority. Except as otherwise specifically provided in travel orders, accommodations by rail transportation shall be provided to members and DOD civilian employees as determined by the TO (reference JFTR paragraph U3135, Train Transportation, and JTR paragraph C2203, Accommodations On Trains). Rail should be provided only when it shall meet mission requirements and is the most cost effective mode taking into consideration best value such as travel time, per diem, and miscellaneous expenses.

#### **B. ROUTING AUTHORITY**

Air is the preferred mode of travel unless the orders issuing authority specifies otherwise in traveler's orders. When rail is the selected mode of travel, all routings shall be done by the TO. TOs have the option of requesting assistance from USTRANSCOM/MCC or overseas agency.

#### **C. BAGGAGE**

Under the MRA, the checked baggage allowance for each person shall be IAW the carrier's tariff. In overseas areas the allowance may vary by carrier. Excess baggage may be carried when specifically authorized in the travel order. Travelers are responsible for off-loading baggage from privately-owned and government vehicles and making it available to the carrier at their check in point.

#### **D. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ANIMALS**

Government-owned animals, when accompanied by an attendant holding a valid travel document or ticket, should be shipped in containers as excess baggage.

#### **E. MILITARY IMPEDIMENTA**

Military impedimenta, as distinguished from articles included in the free baggage allowance under the Tender of Service and the baggage tariffs of carriers in connection with troop movements, handled in a passenger train service shall be covered by a government travel card or a centrally billed account. GBLs shall be endorsed in the "routing via" space to indicate "Passenger Train Service Required."

## **F. WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION**

1. Privately-Owned Weapons. Travelers are responsible to comply with all laws and regulations of the U.S., its territories, foreign countries, and local municipalities with regard to possession, carrying, and shipping of weapons and ammunition.

2. Government-Owned Weapons. Travelers using rail must have the authority to carry weapons included in the travel orders. TOs are responsible to ensure travelers, commanders, and/or designated agents are briefed on all laws and regulations of the U.S., its territories, foreign countries, and local municipalities with regard to possession, carrying, and shipping of weapons and ammunition. TOs shall coordinate with carrier, station managers, and/or charter representatives, on requirements and security.

3. See Appendix I for additional information.

## **G. RAIL TRAVEL DATA REPORTING**

Information for completing DD Form 1341 is at Figure 102-3. STATCO reporting requirement for rail passenger travel movement is contained in Appendix H.